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104 White and Negro Delegates In Chatta. Plan Wide Scottsboro Fight

JAIL AMIS, HAYWOOD, JOHNSON, CARSON, LSNR, PARTY LEADERS

Harlan Miner Exposés UMW Leaders Sell-out

By a Worker Correspondent

Harlan, Ky.

Dear Comrade Allen:

The papers you have sent me have been distributed to people who are ready to believe now that they are being sold out by degres by the U.M. W. of A. leaders.

It is common knowledge all over the county that Lee Lively, first local president of Evarts local No. 5553, sold out to Sheriff Blair for a mere song. L. F. Perkins, president of the Harlan local, exposed Lively. Now Turnblazer says that Lively is working for the I. W. W. But Lively is not in the county and no one knows where he is.

L. F. Perkins, U. M. W. president, is getting disgusted with the U. M. W. of A., and is interested in anything that will help the miners win their fight, but says nothing can be done by sitting around and not fighting.

—A Miner.

Miners Ask Help In Harlan Strike

Striking miners in Harlan Kentucky, where at least 18 miners have been killed in the past few weeks by company thugs and the National Guard are writing in to the Southern Worker asking it to send organizers into the territory.

One miner writes that he has been told by his fellow workers to write in for all of them and find out how to organize into the Communist Party.

Thousands of miners in the Harlan district have been on strike for more than a month against the wage-cutting campaign of the mine-owners, who have slashed wages five times in the past two years. A high wage in the Harlan field is \$1.50 a day, with only two or three days work a week.

The miners in the Harlan district have a reputation of being militant fighters, and scabs who come into the district do so at a risk to their lives. In defending themselves against the scabs, who are nothing but company gunmen, the miners have killed about fifteen of these human rats. A few weeks ago several hundred armed miners marched to Pineville, a neighboring city, and forced to mayor to give them a carload of food.

Officials of the United Mine Workers are preparing the ground for a sell-out of the strike, but are having a hard time because of the militancy of the miners, who are determined to see the strike through to a finish. Twenty-eight of the miners have been indicted in frame-up murder charges, and 18 of them are already in jail. Sheriff Blair who is owned by the mine operators, is singling out the most militant of the miners for arrest. Judge Jones, openly a coal operators' man, has refused to let the indicted miners out on bail.

Organize And Strike
Against Wage-Cuts!

Frame-Up Chatta. Negro Worker In Scottsboro Fight

Comrade McDowell is out on bond supplied by the I. L. D.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—A vicious police frame-up is in the process of being made here against Oscar McDowell, Negro worker and chairman of a Scottsboro Defense Block Committee in East Chattanooga.

Comrade McDowell is at present in jail suffering from bad shotgun wounds and charged with felonious assault with intent to kill. He was shot by Reuben Ball, a Negro under the influence of traitorous preachers. Monday night Comrade McDowell came home to find that his aged mother had been beaten over the head by Ball, because she had given refuge in her house to Ball's wife after she had returned from a Scottsboro Defense meeting and been beaten by her husband. Enraged, McDowell went to Ball's house where he was met by this rat who opened fire with a shotgun. McDowell returned the fire in self-defense, but missed. McDowell was sent to the hospital by the I.L.D. the same night, but despite his bad wounds was almost immediately dismissed and taken to jail.

On the same day as the shooting occurred Ball was tried before Judge Fleming for beating his wife. The judge, as was to be expected, dismissed the case against Ball and congratulated him for beating his wife to keep her from being a "red."

With the vicious combination of Fleming and detective Neal—notorious labor haters—a frame-up is being evolved against Comrade McDowell. He is being defended by the International Labor Defense.

ATTENTION!

Use the SOUTHERN WORKER in the fight to gain freedom for the Nine Scottsboro boys. Obtain subscriptions from your fellow-workers and friends. Order bundles for distribution—one cent a copy for bundles over 10. Use the SOUTHERN WORKER to spread the growing mass movement for the boys!

Conference Denounces Traitors To Nine Boys

Call Rev. Bowens, Who Threatened To Arrest Delegates, A Judas

Charge Leaders With 7 Southern States 14, "Loitering;" Fined Cities Represented

Trying to intimidate and terrorize workers away from the mass Scottsboro defense campaign in the South, Chattanooga police arrested four of the principal speakers and leaders of the Defense Conference as they left the Masonic Hall at the close of the Conference.

Comrades Amis, editor of the Liberator, Harry Haywood, Negro T.U. U.L. organizer from New York City, Tom Johnson, District organizer of the Communist Party, Jack Carson, Charlotte District organizer of the Communist Party, were searched and then arrested as they were talking together on the sidewalk outside of the hall.

At the hearing before the vicious labor-hating Judge Fleming Tuesday morning the comrades were found guilty of "loitering" and fined \$10 each. The charge of "loitering" was only a cloak to cover the real purpose of attempted terrorization. The comrades were searched without a search warrant by the police right on the streets, everything in their pockets taken away from them, and then thrust into jail. Attorney Chanalee, I.L.D. lawyer, obtained their release under bond the same night and defended them at the hearing. The police methods only serve to strengthen the determination of the working-class fighters for the release of the Scottsboro boys.

PIMP FOR EXECUTIONER

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The department of labor has refused to allow Li Tao Hsuan, Chinese Communist in this country, to leave the country for the Soviet Union, but insists that he be deported to China where certain execution awaits him. The U. S. government cooperates with the bloody Chinese government against the Communists.

One hundred and four delegates representing 67 organizations and churches, in 14 cities scattered through seven Southern states pledged the full support of their organizations in the fight to obtain the release of the nine Scottsboro boys, at the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference, called by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, held last Sunday at Masonic Hall, Chattanooga.

The Conference was marked by the highest enthusiasm for the fight led by the two organizations calling the delegates together and by determination to do everything possible to build the mass movement to free the boys by the building of Scottsboro Defense neighborhood groups and building Scottsboro Defense committees in the cities from which the delegates came under the direction of the Southern Scottsboro Defense Committee of 28 elected at the Conference.

The Southern Scottsboro Defense Committee has on it delegates from every city represented, who when they return from the Conference will lead in building the movement to save the nine boys in their cities. A resident bureau of seven was elected to direct the work from Chattanooga and broaden the united front of all workers and all those willing to fight for the freedom of the boys.

Every delegate present represented the best and most militant of the Southern workers, white and black—who came and participated despite the terror of the Southern ruling class. White delegates attacked the vicious system of jim-crowism and pledged their full support and that of their organizations in the struggle for Negro rights and for the freedom of the boys. This historic conference is a forerunner of the mighty unity of black and white workers of the South.

Jail Black Belt Delegates

Credentials for 175 delegates were received by the Provisional Committee for the Conference and all of them did not arrive due to the breakdown of cars and trucks, police intimidation and arrests. Four delegates elected from the Alabama Black Belt were arrested together with Harris Gilbert, young Communist League organizer, as they were leaving Birmingham and are being held in jail for "investigation." The bosses' police were "suspicious" of an automobile containing both white and Negro workers on a basis of equality and

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Police, Legionnaires Fire on Youth Demonstration

One member of the Youngstown, Ohio, branch of the Young Communist League is near death, twenty-five members of the League are injured and seventy-five are in jail as a result of a police attack on a demonstration that was held in the steel city on May 30, National Youth Day.

At least eleven policemen were injured in the clash. The young Communist who is near death, is in the hospital with a bullet in his abdomen. When the parade of young workers,

who had come from all parts of the state, had started, a soldier in uniform began shooting into the autos leading the parade.

The sixty-three who are in jail are being held on "suspicion charges," but the local police chief says he intends to change the charges to disturbance or inciting to riot. Among those who were clubbed and then arrested are four women and an 8-year-old boy.

National Youth Day is a day set aside for all young workers to protest against the terrific exploitation which they have to undergo and as a day of protest against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union. The Young Communist League, under whose auspices Youth Day is held, demands that no young workers be forced to work more than six hours a day, and fights for equal pay for equal work.

Pledge Fight For Scottsboro Boys

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put them in jail when they learned that they were going to the Conference.

Mary Dalton, who spoke in 25 churches in Atlanta where 60 delegates were elected to the Conference, told how the Rev. Bowens, of the Chattanooga Ministers' Alliance, tracked her steps to every church and told the members not to send their delegates to the Conference for he would see to it personally that the police broke it up. Despite this open step of the "race leader" in sending the Scottsboro boys to the electric chair and trying to scare the Negro workers away from the fight for their freedom, forty of the sixty delegates arrived.

Amis Opens Conference

B. Amis, editor of the "Liberator" and a member of the executive committee of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, opened the Conference. Comrade Burton, young Negro worker of Birmingham, was elected chairman amidst the tremendous enthusiasm of the conference. An honorary committee for the conference was elected consisting of the nine Scottsboro boys, the Imperial Valley prisoners, Mooney and Billings, the six organizers facing the death penalty in Atlanta, five workers framed-up in a strike in Patterson, N. J., and class war prisoners of Meerut, India and Burma, where the colored peoples are fighting militant battles for liberation.

Former Slave Welcomes

Elder Carter old Negro worker of Chattanooga, who has seen slave days, welcomed the delegates to the conference and asked the white and colored workers to wave their hats or handkerchiefs in a token of greeting and solidarity. He made a stirring appeal for the nine boys and denounced the preachers who are trying to send the boys to their death. Mrs. Patterson, mother of Haywood Patterson, one of the boys in the Kilby death block, also welcomed the delegates in the name of all the parents, who were all present, and said that she was glad to see the white and Negro workers getting together in the South, just as she had seen them during her tour in the North.

J. Louis Engdahl, national secretary of the International Labor Defense, told how the power of mass protest had saved the Gastonia boys from the electric chair and is forcing the holding off of the trial of the six organizers in Atlanta and pointed out that mass protest will also save the lives of the Scottsboro boys and free them.

Fight Against Slavery

Robert Minor, editor of the Daily Worker, and representing the New York City Scottsboro Defense Conference, swept the audience along with him by his truthful and powerful exposure of the system which is seeking the lives of the boys and by his attack on the "race leaders" who are helping to do it. Boos for the Ministers' Alliance and the N. A. A. C. P. leadership rose from the delegates at the mere mention of their names and the description of their dastardly crimes against the Negro masses. "This is fight against slavery, a fight against oppression," Comrade Minor said, pointing out the wider aspects of the Scottsboro case.

Harry Haywood, New York Negro worker, greeted the conference in the name of the Communist Party, showing how the party had been the first to raise protest and bring the case before the attention of the workers throughout the country. Jack Johnstone, brought greetings from the Executive Board of the Trade Union Unity League and pledged the full support of the white and black members of the T.U.U.L. unions in the fight to free the boys.

Greetings From Abroad

Greetings were received by the

conference from the New York Scottsboro Defense Conference which had 247 delegates, from the New York City Committee of the L.S.N.R., Harlem L.S.N.R., Brighton Beach, N. Y., I.L. D. and L.S.N.R., National Convention of the International Workers Order in New York, Harlem section of the Communist Party, Southern District Committee of the Communist Party, and Newark, N. J., Scottsboro Defense Conference. Roy Wright wrote from Birmingham jail to the Conference: "I am with the I.L.D. until I fall dead."

A great ovation greeted a cablegram of greeting to the conference from M.O.P.R., the international defense organizations of the workers, from its headquarters in Moscow. Tremendous applause greeted the reading of a cablegram protesting the legal lynching from the board of supervisors and the mayor of Ivory, France, a Communist city of about 40,000 population.

Resolutions Passed

The Conference passed resolutions one setting down the main tasks of the delegates to the conference as that of organizing neighborhood committees for Scottsboro Defense and building the mass movement for the freedom of the boys. Another resolution fully endorsing the I.L.D. defense, denouncing the collection of funds under false pretenses by the Ministers' Alliance and N.A.A.C.P., and calling upon all workers and organizations to raise and send funds to the Southern office of the I.L.D., at 22 Chamberlain Bldg., Chattanooga, was passed. This same resolution called for the building of branches of that organization wherever possible.

Another resolution, recognizing the program and nature of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, endorsed that organization for its fight for Negro rights in the Scottsboro case and called upon the delegates to form Scottsboro neighborhood committees under its direction.

Telegrams of greetings were sent by the Conference to the nine Scottsboro boys in jail pledging support to obtain their freedom. A telegram of greeting was also sent to Tom Robertson, whose death sentence has just been commuted to life imprisonment. A telegram protesting the legal lynching and demanding a new trial for the boys when the hearing comes up on June 5, was sent to Gov. Miller of Alabama and Judge Hawkins, the trial judge. The telegram demanded a new trial to expose the frame-up before a jury of workers and farmers, at least half to be Negroes, and with no whites having race prejudice permitted to serve on the jury.

A collection of \$43.47 was taken up at the Conference and turned over to the I.L.D. for the Scottsboro defense fund.

Mrs. Williams In Greenville Meet

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Members of the Springfield Baptist Church, of Greenville, S. C., pledged their support to the nine framed-up Scottsboro boys, and sent a telegram of protest to the governor of Alabama, demanding their release.

Mrs. Williams, mother of 14-year-old Eugene, one of the nine being railroaded to the electric chair, holding her year-old baby in her arms, spoke of the need of all workers to unite to help free the boys. She spoke enthusiastically of the work of the International Labor Defense. "They are doing all they can," she said, "but we cannot leave all the responsibility and work to them. We workers must do all we can, too."

Several of those present spoke, in each case pointing out the need of white and colored workers to organize together, not only for freeing the